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## **Abstract**

The invention relates to a novel microscope stand, comprising at least one support element (1, 2, 4, 16, 40, 97). The support element consists of a composite material made up of two materials with different moduli of elasticity, the materials forming a tube. The inventive microscope stand therefore has a light, stable, reduced-vibration construction and/or reduces the vibration between adjacent support elements (1, 2, 4, 16, 40, 97) or parts of support elements.